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## Older People in NSW

### OLDER PEOPLE IN NSW

**Older People, NSW, 2004** (cat. no. 4108.1) was released recently. This is a joint publication by the ABS and the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC). It is the third in a series of publications on older people following **Older People in NSW: A**

**Profile, 1995 and Older People, NSW, 2000.** It draws on data from ABS and non-ABS surveys and collections, presenting a snapshot of the social and economic situation of people aged 65 years and over in New South Wales. It provides a rich source of data on such topics as population, living arrangements, skills and community participation, health and wellbeing, financial security and mobility. For further information contact Allan McLean on (02) 9268 4795, or email [allan.mclean@abs.gov.au](mailto:allan.mclean@abs.gov.au).

## NSW Statistical Coordination and User Forum (SCUF)

### NSW STATISTICAL COORDINATION AND USER FORUM (SCUF)

NSW SCUF is the **NSW State Government statistical coordinating committee**. It meets four times per year to discuss strategic statistical information needs and priorities across the NSW Government sector, and coordinate statistical activities through the exchange of information and the identification of common interests. Members are the representatives of state government information clusters: central government, planning, natural resources, human services, crime and justice, business, health, transport, emergency services and labour. Discussed at the last meeting on 26 August 2004 were the state government's Results and Services Plans, the National Data Network and the forthcoming implementation of ABS@NSW Government. For more information contact Merran Butler on (02) 9268 4855 or email [m.butler@abs.gov.au](mailto:m.butler@abs.gov.au).

## Indigenous

### INDIGENOUS

The ABS will conduct a **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)** between August 2004 and June 2005. NATSIHS is expected to be run every six years to coincide with every second National Health Survey (NHS). The survey will focus on health service use (e.g. doctor, dentist, hospital and other health professional consultations), health risk factors (e.g. dietary behaviours and smoking) and health status indicators (e.g. asthma, cancer and diabetes). Results are expected to be available from early 2006. For more information contact Katrina Poyser on (02) 6252 5781, email [katrina.poyser@abs.gov.au](mailto:katrina.poyser@abs.gov.au).

## Families

### FAMILIES

**Family Characteristics, Australia, June 2003** (cat. no. 4442.0) is due for release in September 2004. It will present information on the current composition of families and households with a special focus on the characteristics of children which include age, sex and step relationships. Other issues covered will include marital status, labour force status,

parental income and contact arrangements for children with non-resident parents. For more information contact Joye McLaughlin on (02) 6252 6682, email [j.mclaughlin@abs.gov.au](mailto:j.mclaughlin@abs.gov.au).

## Statistical Consultancy

### STATISTICAL CONSULTANCY

**ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy** provides a range of statistical services. A team of experienced consultants can provide advice and assistance on survey and statistical methods, modelling and analysis and data management. These services can be used when expert statistical advice is required on a project and the appropriate skills are not readily available within an organisation. It can also be valuable for organisations with significant levels of mathematical and statistical experience who want to discuss technical issues with an independent body. For more information contact Merran Butler on (02) 9268 4855 or email [m.butler@abs.gov.au](mailto:m.butler@abs.gov.au).

## ANZSIC 2006

### ANZSIC 2006

**The Information Paper: ANZSIC 2006 Development** (cat. no. 1294.0) was released recently. This paper presents information on the development of a new standard classification of industrial activity, ANZSIC 2006. It provides an overview of the history of ANZSIC, the rationale for the review, the conceptual basis of the new classification, the new division structure and the impact of the changes on ABS data. It also contains a brief outline of the strategy the ABS will adopt in implementing the new classification. For more information contact Branko Vitas on (02) 6252 5604 or email [branko.vitas@abs.gov.au](mailto:branko.vitas@abs.gov.au).

## Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers

### SURVEY OF DISABILITY, AGEING AND CARERS

**Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003** (cat. no. 4430.0) was released recently. This presents results from a national survey conducted between June and November 2003. Data cover three main areas: people with a disability (including disability status, main condition, assistance needed/received, use of aids, use of public transport and employment restrictions); older persons (including assistance needed/received, culture leisure participation, disability status and income); and people who provide assistance to others because of their disability (including carer status, relationship to main recipient, time spent caring for main recipient, need for and receipt of respite care and reasons for caring). For more information contact Ken Black on (02) 6252 7430, email [ken.black@abs.gov.au](mailto:ken.black@abs.gov.au).

# Sexual Assault in Australia

## SEXUAL ASSAULT IN AUSTRALIA

**Sexual Assault in Australia: A Statistical Overview** (cat. no. 4523.0) was released recently. This publication presents data that provides a broad overview of sexual assault in Australia. It includes data from selected ABS and other sources, as well as commentary to describe the prevalence and incidence of sexual assault, individual experiences, responses provided and resultant outcomes. For more information contact Lyn Tucker on (03) 9615 7883 or email [lyn.tucker@abs.gov.au](mailto:lyn.tucker@abs.gov.au).

# Divorce in Australia

## DIVORCE IN AUSTRALIA

**Divorces, Australia 2002** (cat. no. 3307.0.55.001) has just been released. This electronic product presents national and state level data on registered divorces. Data is presented by age, duration of marriage at final separation and at date of dissolution, country of birth of divorcees and number of children in families. Detailed state data and other data items are available on request. Up-to-date status reports on the compilation and dissemination of divorce statistics can be found on the ABS website by selecting Themes, Demography and then Marriages and Divorces. For more information contact Olivia Agius on (02) 6252 6573 or email [olivia.agius@abs.gov.au](mailto:olivia.agius@abs.gov.au).

# Personal Income, Taxation and Income Support Data

## PERSONAL INCOME, TAXATION AND INCOME SUPPORT DATA

**The Information Paper: Experimental Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, Taxation and Income Support Data, 1996-97 to 2000-01** (cat. no. 6524.0) will be released in October. It will present experimental estimates of sources of income and broad indicators of average, after tax (disposable) income of the population for each state and territory by various ASGC levels including Local Government Areas.

The estimates, covering the years 1996-97 to 2000-01, have been compiled using a combination of individual income tax data from the Australian Taxation Office and income support customer data from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services. Data from the 1996 and 2001 Censuses of Population and Housing are also used to derive simple broad indicators of average household disposable income. For more information contact Mark Nowosilskyj on (08) 8237 7358 or email [mark.now@abs.gov.au](mailto:mark.now@abs.gov.au).

# Culture

## CULTURE

**Cultural Trends in Australia: A Statistical Overview, 2004** (cat. no. 4172.0) is due for release in October. This publication presents information on a range of topics including employment in culture, time spent on cultural activities, attendance at cultural venues and events, expenditure on culture and imports and exports of cultural goods and services. There are also profiles of the cultural sectors, grouped according to the **Australian Culture and Leisure Industry Classification** (cat. no. 4902.0). For more information contact Theo Neumann on (08) 8237 7449, email [theo.neumann@abs.gov.au](mailto:theo.neumann@abs.gov.au).

## Education and Training

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**Measuring Learning in Australia: Plan to Improve the Quality, Coverage and Use of Education and Training Statistics 2004** (cat. no. 4231.0) has just been released. This Plan is a joint initiative between the ABS and all state, territory and Australian Government education and training agencies. It identifies key issues and areas for consideration and presents agreed directions for improving the relevance, coverage, comparability and quality of statistics. It nominates responsibility for progressing individual strands of work and for monitoring overall progress. An important characteristic of the Plan is that it is a joint agreement between stakeholders regarding priorities for statistical work in the education and training fields for the next three years. For more information contact Jeff Carlton on (02) 6252 5936 or email [jeff.carlton@abs.gov.au](mailto:jeff.carlton@abs.gov.au).

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### SPREAD THE NEWS ELECTRONICALLY

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## Selected Releases July to September 2004

### SELECTED RELEASES JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2004

To order ABS publications or enquire about release dates, please contact the National Information & Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

## **ABS Catalogue**

### **No.**

1259.0.30.001	Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Digital Boundaries (Intercensal), Australia on CD-ROM (\$95.00)
1294.0 <b>New</b>	Information Paper: ANZSIC 2006 Development (\$10.00)
1380.55.001 <b>New</b>	Occasional paper: Perspectives on Regional Australia: Womens' employment in Urban, Rural and Regional Australia, 2001 Census (\$20.00)
2053.0 <b>New</b>	Australian Census Analytic Program: Australia's Most Recent Immigrants, 2001 (\$46.00)
2925.0.30.001 <b>New</b>	Historic Census Geographic Areas, Digital Boundaries Australia, 1981 to 1996 on CD-ROM (\$95.00)
3307.0.55.001	Divorces, Australia, 2002 (Free on ABS Website; \$20.00 for datacube)
4108.1	Older People, NSW, 2004 (\$27.00)
4183.0	Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2002-03 (\$20.00)
4231.0	Measuring Learning in Australia: Plan to Improve the Quality, Coverage and Use of Education and Training Statistics 2004 (\$10.00)
4232.0.55.001 <b>New</b>	Measuring Learning in Australia: Dictionary of Standards for Education and Training Statistics (\$10.00)
4390.0	Private Hospitals, Australia (\$23.00)
4430.0	Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, 2003 (\$28.00)
4442.0	Family Characteristics, Australia, June 2003 (\$24.00)
4523.0	Sexual Assault in Australia: A Statistical Overview (\$34.00)
4611.0	Environment Expenditure, Local Government Australia (\$26.00)
4828.0.55.001 <b>New</b>	Characteristics of People Reporting Good or Better Health, 2001 (Free on ABS Website)
6209.0	Labour Mobility, Australia (\$24.00)
8104.0	Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia (\$21.00)
8109.0	Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private non-profit Organisations, Australia (\$23.00)
8126.0	Information and Communication Technology, Australia (\$23.00)
8146.0	Household Use of information Technology, Australia (\$25.00)

## **Selected Expected Releases October and November 2004**

### **SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2004**

#### **ABS Catalogue**

##### **No.**

4172.0	Cultural Trends in Australia: A Statistical Overview, 2004 (\$38.00)
4602.0	Environmental Issues: People's Views and Practices (\$28.00)
4905.0.55.001 <b>New</b>	Mature Age Persons Statistical Report (Free on ABS Website)
5220.0	Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (\$27.00)
6225.0 <b>New</b>	Information Paper: Persons in Their Own Business, Experimental Estimates for Small Areas, 1996-97 to 2000-01 (\$10.00)
6524.0 <b>New</b>	Information Paper: Experimental Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, Taxation and Income Support Data, 1996-97 to 2000-01 (\$10.00)
8415.0	Mining Operations, Australia (\$30.00)
9208.0	Survey of Motor Vehicle Use, Australia (\$26.00)

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